

C-A OPERATIONS PROCEDURES MANUAL

Hand Processed Changes

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1. Purpose

This procedure provides instructions for the operation of vacuum skid 6 for the insulating vacuum of turbine pods 1 and 2 (for Expander 1A, 2A, 1B and 2B) of the RHIC 25 kW helium refrigerator. Vacuum skid 6 consists of one Kinney fore pump, 6-E515, one Varian diffusion pump, 6-E511, interconnecting piping, valves, instrumentation and control.

2. Responsibilities

- 2.1 The Shift Supervisor, or an Operator designated by the Shift Supervisor, is responsible for conducting the procedure and providing documentation in the Cryogenic Control Room Logbook.
- 2.2 Should a problem arise during the completion of this procedure, the Shift Supervisor shall contact the Technical Supervisor for instructions before continuing.

3. Prerequisites

- 3.1 The Operator shall be trained by the Shift Supervisor or by an authorized person in the proper implementation of this procedure.
- 3.2 The Operator shall become familiar with the Vacuum System #6 P&I D drawing 3A995012.
- 3.3 The diffusion pumps are mounted on the 4-inch penetration on the cold boxes. The fore pumps, the control panel and the rest of the vacuum skid are located on the lower level of the refrigerator building. The Operator shall familiarize himself with the locations of the hardware.
- 3.4 The control panel consists of control switches, vacuum gages and the status for the control valves, the slide valves, the fore pumps and the diffusion pumps. The Operator shall familiarize himself with the function of the control panel.
- 3.5 The Operator shall become familiar with the operation of the Kinney KTC-60 compound vacuum pump and the Varian diffusion pump.

4. Precautions

- 4.1 General safety precautions on the operation of cryogenic system.
- 4.2 The bottom of the diffusion pump will be very hot. The Operator shall not touch it.

- 4.3 The Diffusion Pump has a high temperature alarm which is initiated by the following instrument:

Diffusion Pump 6-E511 High Temperature 6-TSH511

5. **Procedure**

5.1 Check the Oil

- _____ [1] Check the oil level from the dip stick of the diffusion pump and sight glass of the fore pump.
- _____ [2] If oil level is too low, report to the supervisor for adding oil. Record in logbook.
- _____ [3] If oil is milky, report to the supervisor for changing pump oil. Record in logbook.

5.2 Service Utilities

- _____ [1] Open the water inlet valve 6-W528M and outlet valve 6-W527M to cool the baffle, 6-E531, and the diffusion pump, 6-E511. Adjust flow rate to 15 gallons per hour for 6-FI-528W.
- _____ [2] Check air pressure from gage located upstream of 6-A523M. Instrument air shall be between 80 and 100 psig. Open air supply valve 6-A523M on the skid.
- _____ [3] Supply electric power from circuit 2 of the Main Distribution Panel to motor control center MCC. The switch is located on the south wall across the walk way from vacuum skid 1 in the lower level of the refrigerator building.
- _____ [4] Supply power to the motors of fore pump 6-E515 and to diffusion pump 6-E511 from the electric feed from the main distribution panel located on the east side on the lower level of the refrigerator building.
- _____ [5] Turn on the vacuum skid 6 circuit breakers 14 and 16 on the RP-2 panel located near local instrumentation panel 2.

5.3 Operating the Vacuum Skid

5.3.1 Initial Valve Positions

- _____ [1] Crack open the isolation valve 6-V513M for fore pump 6-E515.

5.3.2 Turn On the Control Switch

- _____ [1] The operation of the vacuum skid is automatic and one control switch 6-HS500 starts the system. The control sources are located on the lower part of the control panel.
- _____ [2] By turning on the control switch 6-HS500, automatic valves 6-V509A, 6-V520A and 6-V510A will be closed and the fore pump 6-E515 will be turned on.
- _____ [3] After approximately two minutes time delay, the control logic will open 6-V509A, 6-V510A and 6-V520A and start to pump down the vacuum space.
- _____ [4] During the initial roughing stage, slowly open 6-V513M while listening to sound from the fore pump to avoid overloading the pump.
- _____ [5] Check the level and condition of the pump oil on the sight glass of the fore pump.
- _____ [6] If the oil becomes milky, the operator should first open the ballast valve to remove water vapor contained in the pump oil. Wait for 30 minutes and close the ballast valve.
- _____ [7] Repeat step 5 and 6 if necessary. Should the condition of the oil not improve, then the operator shall report to the supervisor for changing pump oil.
- _____ [8] Fully open 6-V513M when the vacuum reaches 100 Torr.
- _____ [9] When the vacuum decreases to the set point (about 2 miliTorr) of vacuum gage 6PI-501V, 6-V509A and 6-V520A will be closed.
- _____ [10] Slide valve 6-V504A will be open and the diffusion pump will be turned on for final stage of pump down. The slide valve 6-V504A can be opened or closed with a toggle switch located inside the control panel.
- _____ [11] If the insulating vacuum 6PI-501V and 6PI-502V does not improved over expected time period, the operator should report to the supervisor for suitable action.

6. Documentation

- 6.1 The check-off lines on the procedure are for place-keeping only. The procedure is not to be initialed or signed, it is not a record.
- 6.2 The Shift Supervisor shall document the completion of the procedure in the Cryogenics Control Room Log.

7. References

- 7.1 Drawing 3A995012

8. Attachments

None